**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think so, for some time.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Am I to undertand that the Official Member is not in a position to tell us why she was given this allowance of Rs. 150 at first?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not at present. She was given this allowance years ago and I cannot say why at that time it was given to her.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Are there not records to show why she was given this allowance?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I must look into the records.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): By her being the Superintendent, is her work more or less than what it was before?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As Superintendent of the hospital, she will have to do the same amount of work as she was doing as Surgeon in charge of the hospital.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): The same amount of work, less the Deputy Darbar Physician's work?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, to that extent it is less.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): Does it not appear to Government that the pay itself is being raised proportionately to the amount of work that is taken from her?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I may inform the Honourable members that this allowance has been sanctioned to Mrs. Lukose only until further orders. The question will be looked into, if it is found necessary to do so.

*The Vempanni chira in Quilon taluk.*

163. ✻**MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is a Government order to the effect that the Vempanni *chira*, otherwise known as Kottiyam *chira*, in the Quilon taluk, should not be registered;

(*b*) if so, the date of that order;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that, during the time of Dewan Mr. M. E. Watts, the Dewan, the Chief Engineer and the Land Revenue Commissioner, as a result of their joint inspection, decided that the Vempanni *chira* should not be given on registry as it is of great use to the cultivation of the adjoining paddy fields;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Government at that time called for an estimate to improve the Vempanni *chira*; and

(*e*) if so, whether the estimate was prepared?

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 13-6-1929.

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[Mr. K. George.]

(*c*) The Dewan did not inspect the *chira* ; but the Land Revenue Commissioner and the Chief Engineer made a joint inspection of the site and they were of opinion that the tank is useful for both irrigation and communal purposes and should be retained.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (d).

*The Trivandrum Public Library.*

164. ❋MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Secretary of the Public Library has notified that the public will not have access to the reference books in the Library unless they are subscribers ;

(*b*) whether the Secretary has the permission from the Director of Public Instruction or Government to make such a change ; and

(*c*) what necessitated the restriction ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No ; but he published two notices restricting the use of the Reference Room, not the reference books, by the public.

(*b*) No. The Library is not under the control of the Director of Public Instruction ; and Government sanction is not necessary for the action taken.

(*c*) The enforcement of Rule 23 of the Trivandrum Public Library Rules necessitated the restriction.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Can the Public Library be used by persons who are not either subscribers or members ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes. All people can read newspapers and books in the Reading Room.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : It was stated in answer to part (*b*), that the Secretary was not under the orders of the Director of Public Instruction. May I know whether he is under orders of any other officer ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He is under the orders of Government.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Is he under the direct orders of Government ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Am I to understand that persons, who are neither subscribers nor members, will be supplied books in the Library ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They can take books and read them in the Reading Room.

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